

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the Office Action of August 12, 2003 and the in-person conference of June 23, 2003 and telephonic conference of September 17, 2003. Claim 2 is currently pending. The Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been introduced in the subject Application and changes are for the purpose of describing the invention more clearly. The Examiner's rejections are addressed below.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112

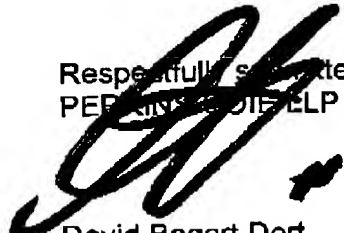
Claim 2 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 ¶ 1 as not adequately supporting the invention as to reasonable convey its practice to one skilled in the art. The amended claims reflects the Applicant's disclosure of maintaining the gasification reactor temperature at about 1300 degrees centigrade in the specification. The Applicant has narrowed the scope of the claim only insofar as to reflect that the claimed gasification reactor temperature reflects the specification disclosure.

Claim 2 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter. The amended claim fully addresses the Examiner's inquiry.

Conclusion

In light of the amendment and remarks presented above, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is requested. Should the Examiner believe that the matters discussed in the in-person conference or telephonic conferences would resolve any pending issues, he is respectfully asked to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below in order to resolve any such pending matters.

Respectfully submitted,
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